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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8-11 are pending, with all claims being amended herein. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 7 were previously canceled.

Applicants request that the above noted amendment to the claims be entered prior to the Examination of this Request for Continuing Application. The Advisory Action of August 31, 2006 did not indicate whether the proposed amendments would be entered and considered. Accordingly, Applicants assume that they were not entered and considered, and the amended claims herein start with the claims set forth in the amendment of November 25, 2005.

Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies extended in a telephone conference of September 7, 2006, during which the merits of the claims were discussed, and wherein the Examiner suggested areas of the claims that could be further clarified.

In view of that discussion, claims 1, 4, 5, and 8-11 are amended herein. If the Examiner has any questions or comments about these amendments, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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